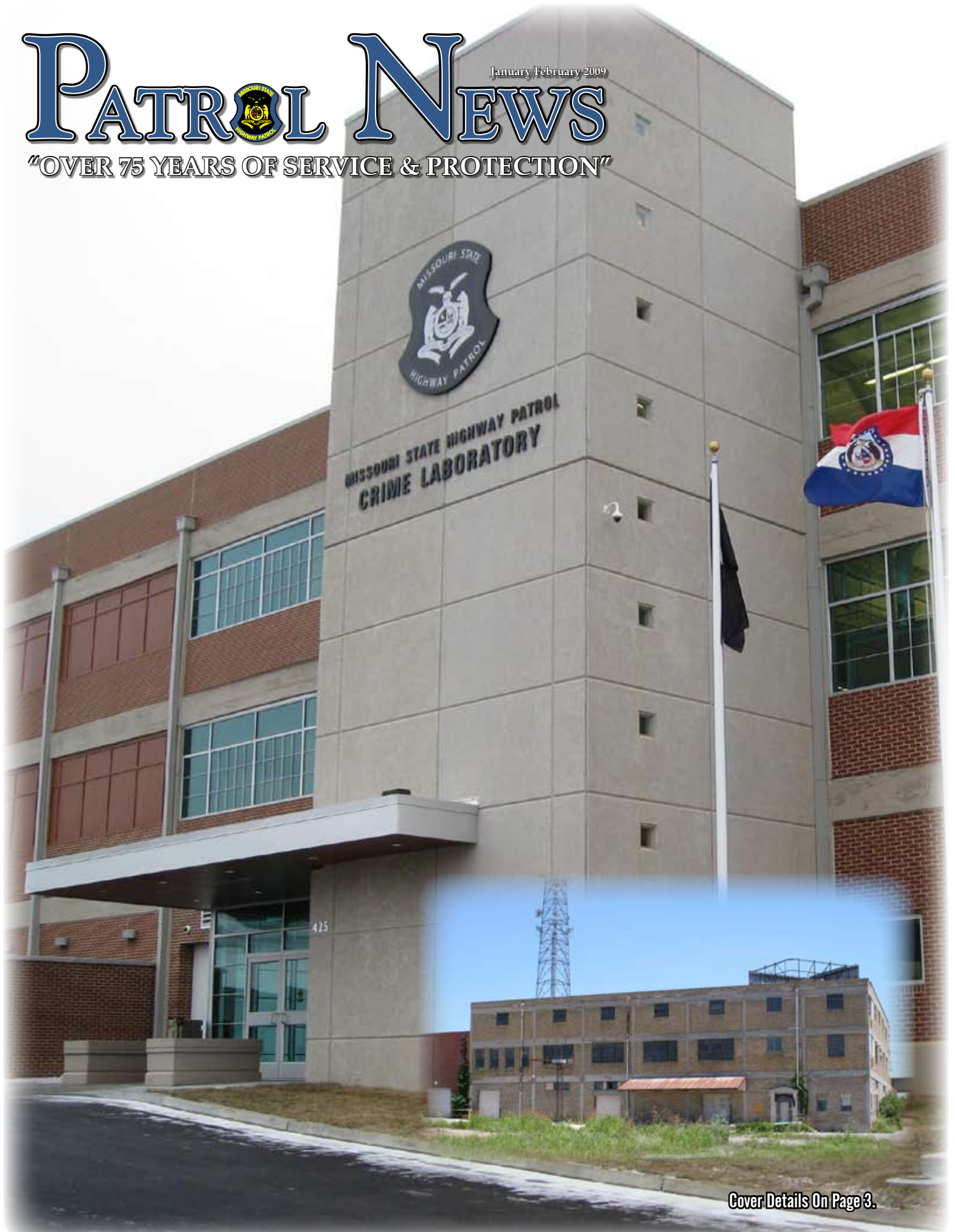


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# From the Staff ...

**Major A. Dale Penn**  
**Field Operations Bureau**



Over the last 77 years, the Missouri State Highway Patrol has had many ‘characters’ (defined as an odd, eccentric, or noteworthy person by my Webster’s Dictionary). Anybody who has been around the Patrol for a few years can tell stories about an old sergeant he knew, the driver examiner who gave him or her their driving test, the old inspector who worked the same scalehouse for many years, and on, and on ... Those characters that we all know and talk about fondly are the people who made the Missouri State Highway Patrol what it was way back when and give us a chuckle from time to time. Those characters also helped shape the organization as it is known today.

Another definition of character is ‘moral strength, self-discipline, fortitude’. That is the character we should all remember and strive for as we go about our daily duties for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Good character and integrity are bedrock values of our agency — always have been, and always will be. As we go forward into the next 77 years, many things will change for our agency, but some things are worth holding on to forever. The principles of good character in our employees and high integrity in our agency must always be our goal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Dale Penn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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## Division Celebrates Milestone

Clerk IV Carla West, Q/MVI, celebrated the 25th anniversary of her Patrol employment in 2008. Captain David P. Perkins, Q/MVI, presented her with a 25th anniversary pendant. Pictured are: Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/SSB, Clerk IV Carla J. West, Q/MVI, and Capt. David P. Perkins, Q/MVI.



Carla's coworkers surprised her by dressing her desk up for the day. The employees of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division congratulate Carla on this milestone in her career and wish her many more happy years of employment with the Highway Patrol.



## Cover

*In December 2008, the Springfield Crime Laboratory was new and improved. (inset) In June 2006, the Same laboratory building looked like this.*



# PERSPECTIVE

## *Troop C: Making A Difference Among Agencies*

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### **By Troop C**

In the law enforcement occupation, we are often reminded of how our actions are perceived by the general public and how that affects our relationship with those we serve. However, the many interactions we have with partner agencies can have a similar impact. On August 27, 2008, Trooper Samuel Buchheit was monitoring scanner traffic, while patrolling Interstate 70 in St. Louis County. He overheard the St. Ann Police Department advising of an armed robbery, which had just occurred, by two men who had also struck the victim with a firearm. Information relayed indicated the suspect vehicle, a Dodge Neon, was last seen traveling on Interstate 70 near Cypress.

Tpr. Buchheit began watching for the vehicle in the passing traffic. He observed the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, Tpr. Buchheit was able to take both suspects into custody and recover the weapon used in the armed robbery, which resulted in charges of armed robbery through the state courts and federal charges for the weapons violation. The initiative taken by Tpr. Buchheit to provide assistance to the St. Ann Police Department is one to be recognized and commended.

Following the apprehension, Sergeant Ryan Burckhardt was requested to assist the St. Ann police officers with a major accident investigation. During Sgt. Burckhardt's assistance to the supervisors and officers of the St. Ann Police Department, several of the officers expressed their sincere appre-

ciation for Tpr. Buchheit's quick and decisive actions provided to them during the armed robbery incident. The actions of Tpr. Buchheit were not only brave and commendable, resulting in the arrest of these two dangerous subjects, but also strengthened the bond between the Highway Patrol and the St. Ann Police Department.

Often times, we get caught up in the everyday ins and outs of our daily work, and don't realize the impact our actions have on our relationships with fellow departments and agencies. It's obvious through the actions of Tpr. Buchheit that every interaction and call for assistance that is responded to strengthens this bond among our agencies. That, in turn, makes our job of providing safety to the public more effective.

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## Troop G Celebrates Christmas

### **Communications Oper. III Robert S. Chaney, Troop G**

This year, Santa parked his reindeer in a secret, undisclosed location in Willow Springs, MO, to have their antlers and hoofs polished, along with their weekly bubble bath and shampoo. This special treatment is provided by a select few, while Santa attends the yearly Troop G Christmas party held at the Willow Springs Middle School Auditorium. Over 100 men, women, and children dined on the traditional Christmas dinner, with entertainment provided by the Troop G singing sensations ~ The Elmores. Lt. Dwayne F. Isringhausen provided some laughs with his annual Power Point Slide Show, and Santa gave gifts to the children.



*Cpl. John D. Wheeler provided some extra special transportation, in the form of the Patrol's 1959 reconditioned Dodge Patrol cruiser, to get Santa to Troop G's Christmas party.*

# Nation's Best Headline DDCC Homicide Seminar

## Q/DDCC

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control, in cooperation with the Missouri State Troopers Association, hosted its 6th National Homicide Seminar at the Westin Crown Center Hotel and Heartland Theater, Sunday, October 19, through Thursday, October 23, 2008. The seminar is structured for the advanced homicide investigator. The seminar consisted of presentations from some of the most renowned instructors in the world representing different fields of homicide investigation, which include medical, forensic, scientific, and legal areas of expertise.

Over 186 officers from 96 departments in 23 states were in attendance.

*Speakers who made presentations included:*

- **Mr. Roy Hazelwood**, *Sadistic Serial Killers*, is one of the world's most famous profilers and was among the original profilers in the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit.
- **Retired Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman**, *Killology*, is one of the world's foremost experts in the field of human aggression, and the roots of violence and violent crime.
- **Lt. Tracy Harpster**, Moraine Police Department, *Interpretation of 911 Calls*, presented a method to analyze the validity of 9-1-1 calls to determine if the caller is a victim or the perpetrator.
- **Dr. Tracey Corey**, *Dead Men Talking*, is the chief medical examiner for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Dr. Corey's presentation focused on "pattern injuries" seen at the time of autopsy.

- **Detective David Newman**, *Inside the Tape*, is a 21-year veteran of the Norfolk Police Department in Virginia. He reviewed the "D.C. snipers" case timeline and physical evidence.
- **Captain Michael Zahr and Detective Craig Grogan**, *Finding Laci Peterson*, are from the Modesto, California, Police Department. They discussed the complicated aspects of the Laci Peterson high-profile investigation, the arrest of Laci's husband, Scott Peterson, as well as the trial and prosecution.

## CRID Assists Santa's Workshop

*By Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Holly A. Haarmann, Q/CRID*

This year the employees of the Criminal Records and Identification Division (CRID) donated \$289 in toys and nearly 350 cans of food to the Samaritan Center. The money and food was raised over a two-week period, and about 30 toys were purchased and donated to the Samaritan Center's Santa's Workshop project. Through Santa's Workshop, the Samaritan Center is able to provide two toys per child for needy families throughout the area. The Samaritan Center anticipated needing more toys and food than ever this year, due to the condition of the economy. Understanding this, CRID employees responded in their usual fashion – digging deep to help those in need. The Samaritan Center workers were very surprised and quite delighted at the truckload full of toys and food CRID employees delivered. This year's annual "Christmas Community Contribution" was a huge success, and CRID employees felt a special warmth knowing that they played a role in making Christmas brighter for this area's needy children.

## National Police Week 2009

National Police Week 2009 is scheduled for the week of May 10-16 in Washington, D.C. Special events include the annual candlelight vigil, conference, memorial service, kids/teens activities, a 25th anniversary gala, and a 10-man team 50K run fundraiser. Visit COPS online at [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org) for more information.



# Operation T.O.Y.S. Spreads Christmas Cheer

By Tpr. Brian J. Geier, Troop F

When my alarm went off on Saturday, December 20, at 3:45 a.m., I have to admit, I would have loved nothing more than to roll over and go back to sleep. I had, however, volunteered for Operation T.O.Y.S., and I hope to do so again.

This year's operation was the first I had volunteered for, and I was not sure exactly what to expect. Approximately 10 troopers and several dozen officers from surrounding agencies met at the Jefferson City Police Department at 6 a.m. Then, the children started to arrive. Despite the bitter cold and early hour, each child was alert and ready to do some shopping. I met with my assigned child, Princess R., a nine-year-old girl from Jefferson City.

Princess and I loaded into my patrol vehicle and headed to the Jefferson City Kmart. Princess had a great time working the controls of my vehicle's lights and siren. When we arrived at Kmart, we were arranged in a large semi-circle to await the arrival of a very special guest ~ Santa Claus himself. Lt. Gregory L. Word, Q/AD, landed one of the Patrol's helicopters in the center of almost 50 patrol vehicles, all with their lights activated. Santa (who looked remarkably similar

to retired Captain Christian T. Ricks) exited the aircraft and greeted the children. Then, the real fun began ... the shopping!

Each child received a gift card for \$90 to spend how he or she pleased. My child's mother gave me a list of

needed clothing, so we hit the clothes first. Our strategy was to spend as little as possible on the clothes, leaving more for the toys. Princess was able to get everything on her list, as well as a couple gifts for her brother and sister. After some cookies and drinks with Santa, the children were picked up by their parents, leaving the rest of the day to enjoy the gifts.

Operation T.O.Y.S. was truly a remarkable experience. It was great to know so many children will have a good Christmas. I was honored to be a part of it.



*Santa swooped into the Kmart parking lot with a little help from Lt. Gregory L. Word.*



*Santa greets a young man being chaperoned by Sgt. Arie L. Hoard, Q/DE.*



*Officers from several departments and children ages five to 12 enter Kmart for Operation T.O.Y.S.*



*Santa brought quite the cast of characters with him for Operation T.O.Y.S.*

# Sixth Annual Trooper Michael L. Newton Memorial Toy Drive

*By Sgt. Daniel W. Green, Troop A*

Talk to anyone, namely those of us who are a little older and (of course) wiser, and they (we) will tell you that time seems to pass rather quickly, especially over the holidays. The hustle and bustle of planning, figuring out schedules, meals, gift buying, baking, etc. ... you know what I mean. Now take a minute and imagine that you are forced to deal with a serious injury or illness to a family member, especially a child, and you must spend the holidays in a hospital rather than at home. How would that make you feel? How would your child feel?

Nine years ago, Kansas state troopers started visiting hospitalized children at the KU Children's Center in Kansas City. They gave pencils, coloring books, rulers, trinkets – whatever they could scrounge from their public resource officer's stash – and trooper bears donated by the Kansas State Troopers Association. Their goal was to bring a smile to sick kids during the holiday season.

Six years ago, May 22, 2003, to be exact, Trooper Michael L. Newton was killed in the line of duty while making a traffic stop on Interstate 70 near the 47-mile marker. To honor Tpr. Newton, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Kansas Highway Patrol joined forces in November 2003. The goal – same as before – to bring smiles to the faces of sick kids who are forced to spend their holidays in the hospital.



*Employees from the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Kansas Highway Patrol joined forces to gather toys for children who would be at the KU Children's Center and the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City over Christmas.*

Thanks to the cooperation of Mr. Tim France, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts marketing manager, toys are collected at each of the Kansas City Metro area Krispy Kreme Doughnuts stores. Anyone who donated a new toy with a value of at least \$10 received a free dozen doughnuts. Over the last six years, approximately \$100,000 worth of toys have been collected at Krispy Kreme Doughnut locations through the generosity of Kansas City residents on both sides of the state line. The Higinsville Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts also have participated each of the last six years by donating bags of new toys at Troop A Headquarters.

On December 18, 2008, approximately \$5,000 worth of toys were delivered to children

at the KU Children's Center and the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City. A special thanks to the 17 people who helped with the toy drive in the Kansas City area this year: Sergeant Daniel W. Green, Sergeant Scott E. Meyer, Corporal Andy J. Bell, Driver Examiner III Benita D. Vogeler, Driver Examiner III Pamela C. Ford, Communications Operator I Katie P. York, and Communications Operator II Jessica R. Dillion from the Missouri State Highway Patrol; Master Trooper Mitch Melick, Master Trooper Daren Griffin, Master Trooper Greg Peters, Trooper Nick Jenkins, Trooper Matt Rumsey, Trooper Curt Gabbert, Trooper Robert Voigts, Trooper Bob Armitage,

and Trooper Chris Beas from the Kansas Highway Patrol; and Mr. Tim France, marketing manager Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.

A special shout out to the public for their generous donations each year. Without their support, our goal of

bringing a smile to a child in the hospital over the holidays would be more difficult to achieve. Thank you also for helping us honor the memory of our fallen officers.

*Comm. Oper. I Katie P. York, Troop A, delivers a gift to a patient at KU Children's Center.*



*The law enforcement "elves" brought a table full of presents with them when they visited the children.*





# Spotlight

## Cpl. Nathan J. Shinkle



**Appointment:** July 1, 1997.

**First Assignment:** Troop B, Zone 7, Knox and Lewis Counties

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Corporal – June 1, 2003.

**Current Assignment:** Troop B, Zone 7, Knox and Lewis Counties.

**Family:** Nathan is married to Deborah (Taylor) Shinkle, a native of Lake St. Louis, MO. They have three children: Elaine, 6; Nelson, 3; and Nolan, 1.

**Interests:** Nathan enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, being outdoors, and is an avid Kentucky Wildcat fan.

Nathan was born in Northern Kentucky, and his family moved to Missouri when he was seven years old. He graduated from Jefferson City High School in Jefferson City, MO, in 1994. After high school, he attended Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, MO, for three years, where he played college basketball. Prior to being appointed to the Patrol, he worked for the Patrol for four summers as a temporary employee in the Construction and Maintenance Division at the General Headquarters. During his summer employment with the Patrol, he became interested in the duties of a trooper and "saw the job as being something new every day, with freedom and the opportunity to serve others."

He was appointed to the Patrol on July 1, 1997, and after graduating from the Patrol Academy, was assigned to Troop B, Zone 7, which serves Knox and Lewis counties. On June 1, 2003, he was promoted to corporal and was designated the assistant zone commander of Zone 7. He has served as a field-training officer four times during his career. Nathan said the Patrol has been everything he thought it would be and more. He stated, "I really enjoy meeting people and the relationships I have made with co-workers and citizens."

When Nathan is not working, he spends time with his family, enjoys fishing, and watches college football and basketball. He is also very active at the First Baptist Church in Ewing, MO.

## Lab. Evid. Tech. II Sherri D. Miller



**Appointed:** April 1, 1989.

**First Assignment:** Laboratory Records & Evidence Control Clerk I, Troop B, Macon.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Laboratory Records & Evidence Control Clerk II – November 3, 1992; Laboratory Records & Evidence Control Clerk III – May 1, 1994; Laboratory Evidence Technician II – October 1, 2008.

**Current Assignment:** Laboratory Records & Evidence Control Clerk II, Troop B, Macon.

**Family:** Sherri is married to Mark Miller, who serves as a Macon County Enhanced 9-1-1 dispatcher.

They have three grown children: Amie, Adam, and Mason. They also have two granddaughters: Abigail Dawn and Kaitlin.

**Interests:** Sherri enjoys playing on her family volleyball and co-ed softball teams. She also likes crafts and landscape oil painting. Most of all, she enjoys spending time with her family.

Sherri is a native of Macon, MO, and graduated from Macon R-1 High School in 1978. Sherri and her husband, Mark, enjoy riding their motorcycle, family sports, and spoiling their granddaughters "rotten".

Before she was employed with the Patrol, she worked as a secretary for the University of Missouri Extension Center. Sherri says she enjoys her job and the work she does for the Patrol. She said it is very interesting working in the crime laboratory and seeing the changes in processing data and evidence. She especially likes meeting the different officers and employees from agencies who come to the lab.

"I feel very blessed to have been given the opportunity to work with some wonderful people I can also call friends," Sherri said.

## February

**Feb. 8**

- **Tpr. R.W. Harper** died in 1987.

**Feb. 12**

- **Lincoln's birthday.**

**Feb. 16**

- **Cpl. H.C. Bruns** died in 1987.

**Feb. 16**

- **Sgt. R.A. Williams** died in 2001.

**Feb. 16**

- **Washington's** birthday observed.

**Feb. 17**

- **Sgt. R.V. Sullivan** died in 1996.

**Feb. 21**

- **Tpr. G.W. Snodgrass** died in 1970.



# Spotlight

## Traffic Safety Analyst III Karen M. Forbis



**Appointed:** September 1, 1993.

**First Assignment:** Data Entry Operator I, Traffic Division, General Headquarters.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Data Entry Operator II – March 1, 1995; Data Entry Operator III – March 1, 1997; Traffic Safety Analyst II – January 22, 2006; Traffic Safety Analyst III – January 20, 2008. (All occurred within the Traffic Division, General Headquarters.)

**Current Assignment:** Traffic Safety Analyst III, Traffic Division, General Headquarters.

**Family:** Karen is married to CIT I Michael L. Forbis, Q/ISD. They have two children: Nicole, 16, and Ryan, 12.

**Interests:** When she isn't working, Karen enjoys camping, spending time with her family, and relaxing.

Karen grew up in Jefferson City, where she graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1992. She says the Traffic Division employees are "a great bunch to work with!"

# Troop B Continues Christmas Tradition

*By Sergeant Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

For a good number of years, Troop B employees have not only focused on keeping the spirit of Christmas alive with their own families, but have also tried to spread the "reason for the season" to other families that might be less fortunate than others. The Troop B Christmas tradition is not one that comes about just by having an idea, but from planning and generous giving, which begins immediately following each Christmas holiday. Each year, the Troop B secretarial staff and other Troop B employees take the lead in raising funds through employee donations and events that allow for much needed items to be purchased for the selected "adopted family".



*Young James unwraps a present. Troop B adopted his family (in Macon) for Christmas.*

This year, a soup luncheon and a fish fry were held at the Troop B Headquarters during administrative meetings. After much preparation, two families were selected as being the "2008 Troop B adopted families". The first family adopted is from Unionville, MO, and consists of a mother and four children. The hard times faced by this family had not gone unnoticed by zone officers in the Putnam County area. When contacted, one of the wishes of the family was to have a Christmas tree. The second family is from Macon, MO, and consists of a mother and three children. The mother is battling serious health problems, which has led to her being unemployed.

One of the most exciting times of the adopted family tradition is when Troop B employees conduct the "shopping spree" where clothes, food, and (of course) toys are purchased and later wrapped by Troop B's very own "elves".

Prior to Christmas day, Troop B employees and zone officers made the special deliveries to these special families. The fanfare of carefully delivering

the presents of love and seeing enjoyment in the eyes of these special families makes the meaning of Christmas crystal clear.



*Cpl. Bradley D. Ream, Tpr. Trent J. Haley, and Sgt. James R. Applebury were happy to deliver Christmas from Troop B to this Unionville family.*

# LIDAR Units Donated To Troop B

**By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B**

On November 13, 2008, Missouri Department of Transportation District Traffic Operations Engineer Dan Skouby and Missouri Department of Transportation Customer Service Representative Teresa Hall, on behalf of the North Central Regional Blueprint Committee, presented Troop B with two new Pro-Laser Infrared LIDAR units. Troop B officers will use the donated laser in construction zones and other areas where traffic is congested in an effort to reduce traffic crashes.



*Pictured (l to r) with one of the new LIDAR units are Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Capt. John Elliott, District Traffic Operations Engineer Dan Skouby, and Customer Service Representative Teresa Hall.*

## 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of October 20, 2008 to December 19, 2008. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

### **Troop A**

Cpl. A.J. Bell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.R. Blackmon, 2 arrests  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.G. Dunfee, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.P. Fennewald, 3 arrests  
Sgt. B.S. Hagerty, 1 arrest  
Cpl. E.J. Keim, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.G. Sims, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.M. Stosberg, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 2 arrests

### **Troop C**

Tpr. N.C. Benson, 3 arrests  
Tpr. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Cpl. L.J. Keathley, 3 arrests  
Cpl. G.C. Swartz, 4 arrests  
Tpr. L.A. Turner, 1 arrest

### **Troop D**

Cpl. S.W. Crouch, 2 arrests  
Sgt. M.K. Funderburk, 1 arrest

Cpl. T.L. Hall, 1 arrest

Tpr. A.W. Poulson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.J. Rutledge, 2 arrests\*  
CVO Sprv. I.J.D. Brooks, 1 assist\*  
CVO II R.L. Talbert, 1 assist\*  
Tpr. K.R. Sanders, 1 arrest  
Sgt. C.A. Stuart, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.T. Vermillion, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.J. Walker, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.A. Wilson, 1 arrest

### **Troop E**

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnston, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.D. Lynch, 2 arrests  
Cpl. D.M. McDaniel, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.D. Owens, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.G. Slaughter, 2 arrests

### **Troop F**

Tpr. S.A. Ballard, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.J. Broniec, 1 arrest

Cpl. M.A. Halford, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.G. Holzschuh, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.E. Morice, 4 arrests  
Cpl. P.W. Meyers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.A. Winter, 2 arrests

### **Troop G**

Cpl. J.A. Cravens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.M. Greenan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J. Piccinino, 2 arrests

### **Troop H**

Cpl. T.B. Gardner, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 2 arrests  
Sgt. M.A. Wilhoit, 2 arrests

### **Troop I**

Tpr. J.W. Choate, 1 arrest

### **Gaming Division**

Tpr. B.W. Long, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. McTheeney, 1 arrest

# MADD Honors Troop C Officers

*By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C*

On November 11, 2008, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recognized seven Troop C troopers at their annual "Heroes for Heroes" awards banquet. Trooper Travis S. Croft, Trooper Phillip G. Sarakas, Corporal W. Brad Sevier, Trooper Shawn M. Griggs, Trooper Matthew R. Schmidt, Trooper Ryan D. Vaughan, and Trooper Tyler R. Jenkins were recognized for their efforts in removing intoxicated drivers from Missouri roadways.



*(l to r) Wearing medals from MADD are Tpr. Travis S. Croft, Tpr. Phillip G. Sarakas, Tpr. W. Brad Sevier, Tpr. Shawn M. Griggs, and Tpr. Matthew R. Schmidt. (Tpr. Ryan D. Vaughan and Tpr. Tyler R. Jenkins were not available for photo.)*



*Emma Grey*

Criminalist Supervisor William A. and Mrs. Kelly I Randle  
Q/CLD

*Annika Elise*

Criminalist Supervisor Martin A. and Mrs. Melissa A. Lindenbusch  
Q/CLD

*Ashton Kay*

Mr. Aaron J. and Criminalist III  
Stacey A. Bolinger  
Q/CLD

*Grace Elizabeth*

Criminalist II Shawn M. and Mrs. Melissa M. Bailes  
Q/CLD

*Cody Joseph*

Mr. Jeff A. and Criminalist III  
Angela E. Heckman  
Q/CLD

*Adelyn Rose*

Criminalist II Matthew S. and Mrs. Rebekah D. Messick  
Q/CLD

*Carter Lane*

Mr. Kent A. and Clerk Typist III  
Tammy S. Mahaney  
Troop F

*Brayden Graham*

Cpl. Andrew A. and Mrs. Kimberly A. Henry  
Troop H

*Tatum Lynn*

CVE Insp. I Matthew A. and Mrs. Rachel A. Brockmeier  
Troop C

*Boyd R.*

Tpr. Tyler R. and Mrs. Meghan A. Jenkins  
Troop C

*Kambria Tempe*

Tpr. Eric F. and Mrs. Annavee N. Brown  
Troop B

*Vander Matthew*

Tpr. Matthew T. and Mrs. Jana M. Halford  
Troop F

*Isabelle Grace*

Tpr. Bryan S. and Mrs. Erin D. Silverthorn  
Troop I

*Jackson Charles*

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Terressa M. Forck  
Q/TND

*Sophia Ruth*

Mr. Nathan A. and Criminalist II  
Joanna D. Sides  
Q/CLD

*Granger Allen*

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Troop I

*Jonah Kade*

Tpr. Timothy A. and Mrs. Jessica S. Barrett  
Troop D

*Skyler Paul*

Lt. Brian N. and Mrs. Michelle D. Anderson  
Troop A



# Promotions and Reclassifications



Jerel A. Schomer  
Captain  
Q/TND



Juan O. Villanueva  
Captain  
Troop D



Bruce D. Fiske  
Lieutenant  
Troop I



Steve M. Bielawski  
Sergeant  
Troop C



Darron F. Blankenship  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Jason S. Brumble  
Sergeant  
Troop G



Brian S. Hagerty  
Sergeant  
Troop A



David B. Haggett  
Sergeant  
Troop E



Bruce W. Houston  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Casey A. Jadwin  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Donald S. Larsen  
Sergeant  
Troop C



Brian C. Logan  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Jason M. Pace  
Sergeant  
Troop D



James J. Rongey  
Sergeant  
Troop H



James R. Campbell  
Sergeant  
Troop C

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Michele L. Coon  
Sergeant  
Troop C



Brent J. Fowler  
Corporal  
Troop C



Todd A. Hadlock  
Corporal  
Troop D



Grant H. Hendrix  
Corporal  
Troop D



Andrew A. Henry  
Corporal  
Troop H



Charley A. Hogue  
Corporal  
Troop G



Bradley D. Holman  
Corporal  
Troop B



Scott A. Miller  
Corporal  
Troop C



Lance M. Newman  
Corporal  
Troop H



Shawn L. Price  
Corporal  
Troop E



Shane R. Rowe  
Corporal  
Troop D



Michael G. Slaughter  
Corporal  
Troop E



Ryan C. Badresingh  
CITS I  
Q/ISD



Minette L. Baker  
DE II  
Troop C



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Q/ISD

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Jeanie N. Bolinger  
Quality Control Clerk I  
Q/TFD



Susanne R. Brenneke  
Criminalist Sprv.  
Q/CLD



Jeremy M. Calfee  
DE III  
Troop H



Cara B. Chambers  
Fiscal & Budg. Analyst II  
Q/BPD



Charles E. Davis  
Fingerprint Tech. III  
Q/CRID



Connie L. Farris  
CITS I  
Q/ISD



Melanie R. Fitzpatrick  
DE III  
Troop F



Amanda J. Flippin  
Fingerprint Tech. II  
Q/CRID



Donna S. Henman  
DE III  
Troop H



Danny L. Hendricks  
DE Sprv.  
Troop D



Michelle A. Horn  
CVO II  
Troop D



Lisa T. Jackson  
DE II  
Troop C



Linda A. Johnson  
CIT Sprv. II  
Q/ISD



Larry R. Jones  
CITS I  
Q/ISD



Dee A. Kempker  
Admin. Ofc. Support  
Asst.  
Troop F



# Promotions and Reclassifications



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DE III  
Troop C



Jeanne V. Livers  
CITS I  
Q/ISD



Louis G. McReynolds  
CVO II  
Troop D



Luke A. Moore  
MVI II  
Troop A



Melvin D. Rupard  
DE Sprv.  
Troop F



Tonya M. Schaben  
CITS I  
Q/ISD



Janice D. Scheibeler  
CITS II  
Q/ISD



Angela K. Schepers  
AFIS Entry Oper. III  
Q/CRID



Emily N. Smelser  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



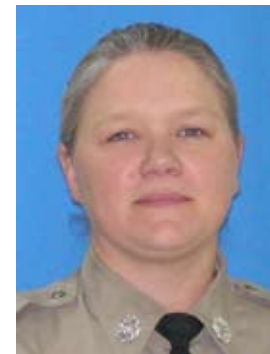
Steven M. Tatum  
DE II  
Troop C



Twila A. Walker  
Research Analyst III  
Q/ISD



Shawn J. Welschmeyer  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II  
Q/TND



Rondia J. Wood  
DE II  
Troop G

# CEREMONY OFFICIALLY OPENS SPRINGFIELD CRIME LAB

**By Director William E. Marbaker, Q/CLD**

December 15, 2008 was a very important date in the history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory Division. On this day, the new full service crime laboratory in Springfield was officially opened with a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting featuring Governor Matt Blunt, his father Congressman Roy Blunt, and a number of Southwest Missouri dignitaries. This event marked the realization of a project that spanned more than four years and was the fruit of a very unique collaborative effort involving federal, state, city, and county stakeholders, and the private sector to secure funding for the \$6.8 million facility.

The concept of expanding the limited service Patrol satellite lab in Springfield into a full service facility originated a number of years ago with discussions about ways to relieve the backlog of unworked cases in the Patrol crime lab system. It was estimated that the Crime Lab would need approximately 21 additional employees to add necessary capacity to the various forensic specialties of the lab. However, the General Headquarters laboratory was overcrowded already and lacked the space for additional criminalists and laboratory equipment. At the same time, the Crime Laboratory Division had been experiencing substantial increases in case submissions from law enforcement agencies in the southwest Missouri area for a number of years, and GHQ personnel were spending a substantial amount of time traveling to southwest Missouri to testify in court. The idea of establishing a full service crime laboratory in Springfield made sense.

The Patrol was approached by representatives of the city of Springfield and Greene County to consider a very unique solution to the problem.

They proposed a cooperative endeavor to bring a full service crime lab to the southwest Missouri area with local and regional stakeholders providing the majority of funding for construction of a new lab. The state would provide the remaining \$1.9 million toward the facility costs, as well as funding for 21 additional employees and operational expenses. The final piece would be a federal grant of \$1.48 million secured by Congressman Roy Blunt to provide laboratory equipment. This very unique solution to a difficult problem gained national attention. The new crime lab occupies completely renovated space in a former

in Jefferson City. Those include forensic science services in the specialties of firearms/toolmarks, latent fingerprints, DNA, trace evidence, toxicology, and drug chemistry. The laboratory also will participate in the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database, which allows DNA profiles developed from evidence to be searched at the local, state, and national levels. The new lab also has a secure drive-in vehicle bay, which is a feature not available at the Jefferson City lab. The Springfield laboratory will initially employ a staff of 27, which includes the six employees who moved from the original satellite lab into the new facility. Many of the staff members are experienced forensic scientists who are transferring from the Patrol Crime Laboratory in Jefferson City. The new Crime Laboratory facility is expected to reduce evidence processing time to an estimated 30 to 60 days for most criminal cases. It also will increase efficiency for law enforcement officers and Patrol employees by eliminating the need for most trips between southwest Missouri and Jefferson City to deliver evidence or testify in court.

An additional benefit of this facility is the critical backup to services offered at the GHQ location. Seventy-five percent of the approximately 23,000 cases submitted to the Patrol crime laboratory are from outside agencies, such as local police departments and sheriff offices. Over 500 law enforcement agencies depend on the Patrol for laboratory work. The new Springfield facility will benefit all areas in the state of Missouri by relieving pressure from the General Headquarters Crime Laboratory, resulting in faster case processing times in Jefferson City as well. The Crime Laboratory Division is very grateful to the many individuals and groups who worked so hard to make this extremely important dream become a reality.



*Several people helped cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony. Among them were: (l or r) Greene County Presiding Commissioner David Coonrod, Springfield Mayor Tom Carlson, Congressman Roy Blunt, Governor Matt Blunt, and Greene County Commissioner Roseann Bentley.*

warehouse in the Jordan Valley area of Springfield. The project architects, Patrol personnel, and city of Springfield worked on the design of the facility for 10 months. Construction began in June 2007.

The 30,000-square-foot facility will provide the same services as the General Headquarters Crime Laboratory



# Recruits Adopt Fallen Trooper As Role Model

## 88th Recruit Class Reaches Out To Jenkins Family

*By Tpr. Gregory K. Tesch, Troop A*

The 88th Recruit Class was first introduced to Trooper Jesse R. Jenkins' heroism during a Patrol history class during our first week of training. Trooper Terry A. Bible, Troop D, showed us the chair a bullet hit during Tpr. Jenkins' historic gun battle. Tpr. Bible mentioned that the chair was not marked in any special way—beyond the .38-caliber hole in the backrest.

As our class began considering options for a gift to present to the Academy, Recruit Darrin Haslag, our vice commander, mentioned Tpr. Jenkins. His father (former Trooper Leroy Haslag) had served briefly with Tpr. Jenkins in Montgomery County. Rec. Haslag's mother, Barbara Haslag, has remained in contact periodically with Janet Jenkins, Tpr. Jenkins' widow. Rec. Haslag suggested the class do something to recognize and remember Tpr. Jenkins. The class agreed, so we adopted Tpr. Jenkins as our role model, and decided to keep his memory alive and let Mrs. Jenkins know she was not forgotten, either.

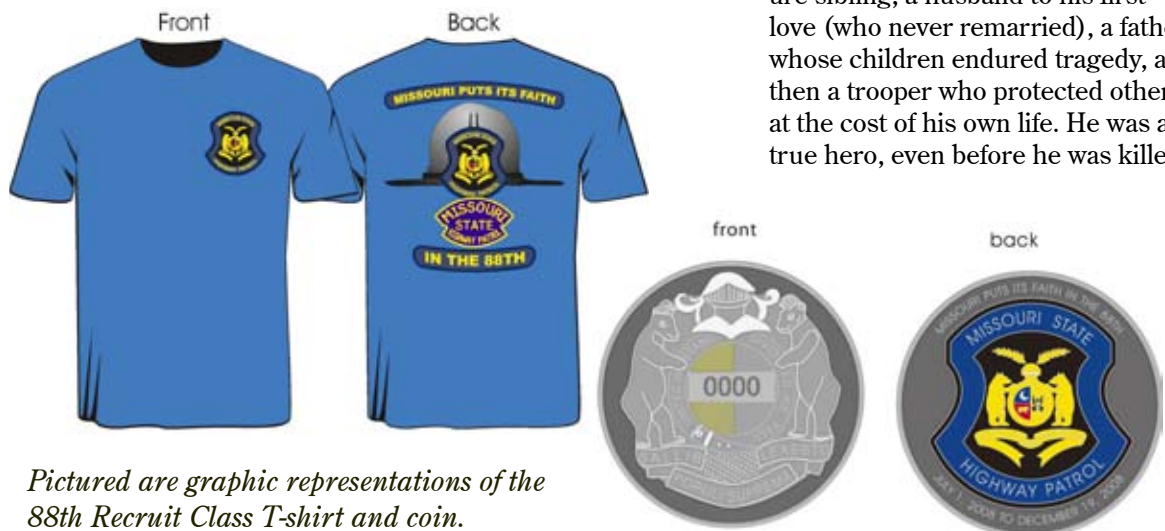
Our project began with the placing of a memorial wreath at Tpr. Jenkins' grave site at the St. Francois Memorial Cemetery on October 14, 2008, the 39th anniversary of his valiant sacrifice. We sent a letter to Mrs. Jenkins to invite her to attend and advised a local newspaper of the ceremony. She and members of her extended family attended, as did Patrol representatives

from Troop C, and Recruit Tim Craig, who grew up in St. Francois County hearing stories of Tpr. Jenkins and his act of selfless bravery. Recruit Craig attended the ceremony to represent the 88th Recruit Class.

The 88th Recruit Class then created a brass plate, to be affixed to Tpr. Jenkins' chair, so it would be marked

from Troop C, and Recruit Tim Craig, who grew up in St. Francois County hearing stories of Tpr. Jenkins and his act of selfless bravery. Recruit Craig attended the ceremony to represent the 88th Recruit Class.

A man's life is bigger than the circumstances surrounding his death. Trooper Jenkins was a father-figure sibling, a husband to his first love (who never remarried), a father whose children endured tragedy, and then a trooper who protected others at the cost of his own life. He was a true hero, even before he was killed.



*Pictured are graphic representations of the 88th Recruit Class T-shirt and coin.*

more prominently. The plate was presented to the Academy during our class banquet on the night of December 18. On the plate is inscribed, "This chair was occupied by Trooper Jesse R. 'Roger' Jenkins on October 14, 1969, the day he was mortally wounded in a gun battle defending other officers. The hole is from a 38-caliber bullet fired at Trooper Jenkins during the gun battle."

The 88th Recruit Class also created a memorial plaque similar to others hanging on the wall leading to the cafeteria. This plaque was presented to the Academy during our banquet the night of December 18. On the plaque are the words, "Trooper Jesse R. 'Roger' Jenkins was killed in the line of duty on October 14, 1969, two years after he

The 88th Recruit Class proudly keeps Trooper Jesse R. "Roger" Jenkins' memory alive; he will not be forgotten."

In appreciation for the example Mrs. Jenkins has set with her devotion to the memory of her departed husband, we presented a class coin and T-shirt with our class emblem and motto on it to her, and to Jeffrey, the Jenkins' only surviving son, after our class banquet. Janet and Jeffrey Jenkins were guests of the 88th Recruit Class at our December 19 graduation ceremony.

The class included photos and information about Tpr. Jenkins in their yearbook.



# Patrol Commissions 88th Recruit Class

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

The 88th Recruit Class graduated on a cold, windy December 19, 2008. Friends, family, and co-workers gathered in the Academy gymnasium to see 26 recruits turn into troopers right before their eyes.

"You could not have selected a better career," Greene County Sheriff Jack L. Merritt, keynote speaker and retired Patrol captain, told the 88th Recruit Class. "You've been selected by one of the very best law enforcement organizations in the nation," he continued. "It is a tremendous responsibility ... you are going to *be* the Patrol."

Sheriff Merritt encouraged this graduating class of troopers to be mindful that they are going to be judged any time they appear in public – whether on duty or off. He encouraged them to hold their families up a little higher, because their family would be responsible for some of their success as a member of the Patrol.

"You will also have a new family ... the family of the Highway Patrol. They'll mean a lot to you—now in your working years and beyond." Sheriff Merritt then congratulated the class

and admitted that as he's planning to retire, he has "just a bit of envy" that these new troopers are starting such a great career.

The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, Missouri Supreme Court, administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers. Rev. Timothy Morgan, New Beginnings Church, Farmington, MO, gave the invocation and benediction. The Troop F Color Guard presented the colors, each step precise and formal. Once they were in place, the voice of Cpl. John H. Lueckenhoff, Troop D, filled the room with the Star Spangled Banner.

During the graduation ceremony, Colonel James F. Keathley, superintendent of the Patrol, addressed the class. "Yesterday, you were recruits. Today, you are troopers. Seventy-seven years of troopers before you established the reputation of this agency." He went on

to inform the class that a recent public opinion survey indicated a 92 percent approval rating of the Patrol. "It is up to all of you to help maintain that." He also told them to "savor this moment. The real work starts in two weeks."

Then DPS Director Mark S. James congratulated the class. In his remarks, Director James welcomed the class and congratulated them. He closed by saying, "May God bless you and keep you safe throughout your careers."

Nineteen of the new troopers earned an associate's of applied sci-



*(front, center) Mrs. Janet Jenkins and her son, Jeffrey, were special guests at the graduation ceremony. The 88th Recruit Class reached out to the Jenkins' family to honor fallen hero Tpr. Jesse R. Jenkins, who died in the line of duty in 1969. Also pictured are (l) Col. James F. Keathley and (r) Sgt. Daniel W. Green, Troop A, whose father, Sgt. Sterling L. Green (deceased), served as Tpr. Jenkins' FTO.*



*Soon-to-be Tpr. Darrin Haslag salutes the flag for the pledge of allegiance.*



*The 88th Recruit Class enters the Academy gymnasium for their graduation ceremony.*

ence degree from Mineral Area College based on their course work at the Academy. Dean Gil Kennon, vice president of college affairs for Mineral Area College, was present to confer these degrees. Four class awards were presented. The recruits accumulated points toward graduation in the categories of physical fitness, firearms, and academics throughout their 27 weeks at the Academy. The person with the highest number of points in each category earns the respective award. The Physical Fitness Award went to Trooper Evan D. Phillips. The Firearms Award went to Trooper Timothy S. Craig. Trooper Darrin R. Haslag earned the Academic Award for the class. The Superintendent's Award for overall achievement was presented to Trooper Dustin L. Braynard.

*Congratulations, 88th Recruit Class, and welcome to the family!*



*Capt. M. Barry Lindsey, Q/TND, welcomed everyone to the graduation. This recruit class was his last, as he retired January 1, 2009.*



*Recruits bow their heads during the invocation.*

*Listed below are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for members of the 88th Recruit Class:*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>First Assignment</i>
Dustin L. Braynard	West Plains, MO	Troop C, Zone 2, St. Louis County
Phillip J. Brown	Bentonville, AR	Troop C, Zone 14, St. Francois/ Washington Counties
Matthew R. Cook	Jasper, MO	Troop C, Zone 5, Lincoln/ Pike Counties
James C. Cooksey Jr.	Matthews, MO	Troop C, Zone 20, Perry/ Ste. Genevieve Counties
Timothy S. Craig	Ste. Genevieve, MO	Troop C, Zone 16, Perry/ Ste. Genevieve Counties
Michael L. Dotson	Sedalia, MO	Troop A, Zone 10, Saline County
Justin S. Dunn	Marceline, MO	Troop B, Zone 4, Putnam/ Sullivan Counties
Lee C. Ewigman	Marceline, MO	Troop C, Zone 19, Lincoln/ Pike Counties
Troy F. Graham	Savannah, MO	Troop H, Zone 5, Andrew/ Buchanan Counties
Darrin R. Haslag	Jefferson City, MO	Troop F, Zone 2, Cole/ Southern Callaway Counties
David M. Kempf	Branson, MO	Troop C, Zone 10, Franklin County
Kyle L. Knight	Joplin, MO	Troop I, Zone 6, Pulaski/ Maries Counties
Jeffery D. Maudlin	Albany, MO	Troop C, Zone 1, St. Louis County
Dennis W. McCormick	Campbell, MO	Troop E, Zone 10, Dunklin County
Matthew H. Mistler	Eldon, MO	Troop C, Zone 11, Franklin County
Kyle W. Murphy	Blue Springs, MO	Troop A, Zone 10, Saline County
Evan D. Phillips	Springfield, MO	Troop C, Zone 1, St. Louis County
Larry L. Ray	Miller, MO	Troop D, Zone 6, Dade/ Lawrence Counties
Kimberly D. Roady	Granite City, IL	Troop C, Zone 2, St. Louis County
James R. Rorie Jr.	Republic, MO	Troop C, Zone 12, Jefferson County
Chase A. Stallcup	Nixa, MO	Troop I, Zone 4, Pulaski/ Maries Counties
Gregory K. Tesch	Mountain Grove, MO	Troop A, Zone 7, Jackson County
Alexander R. Vivas	Springfield, MO	Troop A, Zone 3, Clay County
Michael T. Weakley	Mountain View, MO	Troop A, Zone 5, Ray/ Carroll Counties
John J. West	Ellsinore, MO	Troop C, Zone 19, Lincoln/ Pike Counties
Ryan A. Wood	Lee's Summit, MO	Troop A, Zone 7, Jackson County



# 25 Years

## Blue Notes Choir Still Spreading Holiday Cheer

By MVI Analyst III Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVI

2008 marked the 25th anniversary of the inception of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Blue Notes Choir. First formed in 1983 as "Hoffman's Blue Notes", the choir is comprised of civilian and uniformed employees from the General Headquarters complex. During the past 25 years, the Blue Notes have performed at local residential nursing facilities, the governor's mansion, and the state capitol ringing in the holiday season. The group has also performed at multiple ceremonies including the 1991 Victory Celebration following the end of Operation Desert Storm, and a performance in 1992 that aired on CBS's "Good Morning America" during Buckle Up America Week.

Blue Notes members practice in the PIED theatre during lunch breaks in October and November, and holiday performances are held at various skilled nursing and residential care facilities during the first three weeks of December. In 2008, Blue Notes members expanded the depth of their Christmas program by creating Christmas baskets for the staff of each home visited. The baskets were presented to express appreciation to employees who sacrifice time with their families during the holidays to provide care for the residents of their respective homes.

While the Blue Notes work very hard to perfect their performances, no formal vocal training is required of members, and everyone who participates knows the choir is much more about heart than it is about vocal chords. The only rule for members is,

"If all else fails, sing the melody."

Following a donation of Christmas hymn books in 1999, the Blue Notes have continued to expand their musical library each year. Selections performed range from secular Christmas favorites such

home, you have an understanding of the need of bringing a little cheer to these individuals," said Theresa. When asked what she would tell someone who wanted to know why they should give their time to the Blue Notes, Theresa says she would say, "Many of the



*The Blue Notes pause for a picture after a performance.*

as, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" and "Jingle Bell Rock" to religious hymns including "Away in a Manger", "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear", and "O Come, All Ye Faithful", as well as Broadway classics, such as, "We Need A Little Christmas". During each holiday performance, the Blue Notes Choir includes a patriotic selection to show respect for military personnel currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. Ms. Susan Pringer, a resident of the Jefferson City area, generously donates her time as accompanist for the choir.

Special Assistant Theresa M. Backes, Q/HRD, has been a member of the Blue Notes since its inception in 1983. Theresa says she joined the Blue Notes as a way to spread Christmas cheer. "If anyone has had a loved one in a retirement home or nursing

individuals we visit have very little or no family. They truly look forward to our coming. The residents hold our hands, shed tears, tell us how good we sound, and thank us over and over again. You know then that the time you shared was well spent." Theresa enjoys seeing the residents participate in our singing in their own way, and she knows for many of the residents, the Christmas season does not begin until the Blue Notes have come to sing.

While the number of members in the choir varies from year to year, average Blue Notes membership is between 20 and 25 members. A total of 12 divisions were represented in the 2008 Blue Notes, including uniformed members, uniformed civilians, and civilian employees from clerical, tech-

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## —Blue Notes

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nical, professional, and food service positions.

Every choir member, including those who have only recently begun to perform, has a favorite Blue Notes memory. Buyer II Lola J. Parris, Q/BPD, CIT Spec. I Jeanne V. Livers, Q/ISD, and Clerk Typist III Faith A. Anderson, Q/ GD, all relate one of their favorite memories as being the 2007 practical joke played on Captain David P. Perkins, Q/MVI, following his week-long deer hunting expedition. In his absence, the choir decided to replace the traditional version of "Joy To The World" with Three Dog Night's song of the same name for the GHQ Christmas Dinner. When Capt. Perkins brought his hands up to begin directing the song, the choir's voices rang out with "Jeremiah was a bullfrog ..." and the shocked look on captain's face made it clear that the joke had hit its mark.

Quality Control Clerk II Deidra N. Borgmeyer, Q/TFD, especially enjoyed the 2008 visit to the Easter Seals Adult Day Care Center. Deidra felt this visit was extra special, because it was different than the nursing homes. One partic-



*Caregivers at Summit Villa were surprised with a basket of goodies created by Blue Notes members.*

ularly jubilant student, Jeremiah, was celebrating his 22nd birthday, and as a special treat, the Blue Notes sang "Happy Birthday" to him. No words can adequately express Jeremiah's excitement and joy at receiving a personal birthday song from the Highway Patrol.

I can recall being overwhelmed by emotion during a stirring performance of "O Holy Night" several years ago at the Chapel in St. Mary's Hospital. The entire concert was taped and made available for viewing by their patients throughout the holiday season.

There is a driving force much stronger than a few chuckles at the

expense of the choir director or time spent with friends making the Blue Notes such an important part of every holiday season for its members. Deep in their hearts lies a desire to make a positive contribution to the world around them. Clerk IV Carla J. West, Q/MVI, a member of the Blue Notes for nearly 20 years, says joining the choir each year is a "no-brainer" for her. She feels like she gets so much back in return for the effort she puts out when the choir's presence makes a person's life brighter, even if only for a moment or two. Carla concludes with, "You can't put a price on that."

## GHQ Employees Hold Food Drive

Employees of General Headquarters donated five pickup trucks of food to the Samaritan Center in Jefferson City, MO. Each division had a box in which to place the donated items from December 1 through December 12, 2008. The food was then delivered that last day.

"We have had positive feedback from past years donating to the Samaritan Center and the need was greater this year," said Captain Ronald Walker, Q/FOB. "The Samaritan Center really appreciates everyone's willingness to share with people in our area."

*(Note: High fives to the Motor Vehicle Identification Division for being the most generous! Their donation averaged out to be 30 items per employee!)*



*The Motor Vehicle Inspection Division and Colonel James F. Keathley stand near the pickup trucks loaded with food for the Samaritan Center. MVI includes (l to r) Assistant Director J. Bill Watkins, Clerk Typist II Jennifer M. Evers, Clerk Typist II Cythia L. Baker, Clerk Typist III Marsha L. Behrens, Clerk IV Carla J. West, MVI Analyst III Brenda J. Davis, Clerk Typist III Leslie M. Immekus, Capt. David P. Perkins (director), and Col. Keathley.*

# Highlights Of 2008 Shared

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

The year 2008 is one for the history books now, and what a year it was! Members and civilians alike served and protected the people of Missouri with integrity and compassion. Let's take a walk through the highlights of 2008!

The Patrol commissioned 69 members in 2008,  
Made sure they were ready to serve this state!

Commercial vehicle inspectors numbered 28,  
In two different classes they did graduate.

Officers were assigned to nine Harley-Davidson Electra Glides,  
And garnered attention when they appeared on their new rides.

Our Officer Of The Year award was renamed,  
To honor Benjamin Booth, our first hero he remains.

Captains Kenley and Villanueva made history,  
When they took over Troops I and D.

Floods and tornados made for a busy spring,  
Troopers in those areas responded, and help they did bring!

The professional cyclists returned for a tour so grand!  
They pedaled and pedaled all over our land.

Members were chosen; an agreement was reached  
As cross-trained customs officers, they'll keep our border from being  
breached.

It's the 30th anniversary for the Patrol's Operation C.A.R.E.  
During every major holiday, troopers are sure to be there.

A command and communication vehicle joined our fleet,  
It's state-of-the-art and called the MCCV.

DDCC celebrated its 25th year of narcs, bombs, and investigation,  
Over the years, their duties have seen quite the evolution.

CRID formed a unit to teach everyone MULES  
They have new people and all the right tools!

Troop C's new headquarters made quite a splash,  
The old building's 41 years went by in a flash!

The red ribbon was cut, the Springfield lab opened its doors,  
With brand new equipment & spic and span floors!

## "I Meant Frozen Potatoes"

*By Lt. Brian N. Anderson, Troop A*

On November 11, 2008, Corporal Brian E. Kelley, Troop A, responded to an injury traffic crash on Interstate 29 in Platte County. When he arrived, he determined a tractor-trailer had driven off the road and overturned, coming to rest on its side.

Cpl. Kelley observed the driver and a small child climb through the broken windshield of the truck and watched as they were escorted to a nearby ambulance. He thought it was extremely odd that the driver was dressed only in a pair of boxer shorts. Not knowing what type of load responders were tasked with cleaning up, Cpl. Kelley walked to the ambulance, opened the door, and asked the driver, "Are you loaded?"

The driver replied, "I had four beers. I should have just stayed at the rest area we were at."

Cpl. Kelley was very appreciative of this newly discovered information, but informed the driver he was inquiring if the truck was loaded. The driver seemed confused by the new direction the conversation had taken, but was finally able to tell Cpl. Kelley the truck was "loaded" with frozen potatoes.

Cpl. Kelley arrested the driver for driving while intoxicated and endangering the welfare of his three-year old son. At a .202 percent blood alcohol content, it is understandable the driver was associating "loaded" with anything but frozen potatoes.

## March

### March 2



- **Tpr. J.M. Froemsdorf** died in 1985.

### March 8



- **Central Daylight Time** begins at 0200 hrs.

### March 20



- **Sgt. C.D. Graham Jr.** died in 2005.



# Blue Notes ... Why?

*By MVI Analyst III Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVI*

Capt. David P. Perkins, current director of the Blue Notes, says his participation is, "a wonderful opportunity to bring joy and happiness to people who really appreciate the choir's performance."

Several members list camaraderie with other members as one reason for returning to the choir year after year. Fiscal and Budgetary Analyst I Cara B. Chambers, Q/BPD, says she enjoys the ongoing "battle" between the "Sassy Sopranos" and the "Annoying Altos", while Laboratory Evidence Technician I Judy R. Morrison, Q/CLD, notes the friendships she has developed with other choir members, some whom she might never have met had she not joined.

Leasing/Contracts Coordinator Lisa C. Luecke, Q/DE, says, "Some of these residents don't have a lot of happiness and joy in their lives. I feel like we give this to them."

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Rachel L. Mengwasser, Q/CLD, echoes Lisa's sentiments, "I sympathize with those who are lonely this time of year, missing a spouse or other family members. The Blue Notes Choir brings them joy, and their appreciation of us is extremely rewarding. It's something that makes

them, as well as us, feel good. During the Christmas season, I want to do what I can to bring joy to others, and singing is a simple and easy way for me to do that."

Clerk IV Crystal L. Smith, Q/BPD, says, "The time and effort we put into our practices in October and November really pay off when we go and see those beautiful smiles at the nursing homes in December."

"There was this older couple at Adams Place. The wife was taking

such great care of her beloved husband. She would wipe his face for him and brush his hair with her fingers and then she held his hand, and you could tell she loved him very much ... and, they both sang along with us," said Clerk Typist II Jennifer M. "Jenny" Evers, Q/MVI.

Each choir member finds deep reward for the sacrifice of time and effort. Clerk Typist III Faith A. Anderson, Q/GD, summed it up best by saying, "It will definitely give you 'warm fuzzies' and you'll be hooked."

During the most festive time of the year, choir members understand that each Blue Notes performance represents the true meaning of Christmas –



*The 2008 Blue Notes Choir perform at the GHQ Christmas luncheon.*

## *Troop G Honors Tpr. Floyd, Helps Children*



*Approximately one dozen Troop G members and civilian employees participated in the Tpr. Kevin Floyd Memorial Shop With A Cop program held at the Houston, MO, Wal-Mart store. There were 155 children benefiting from this yearly event. Shown are a very happy participant and Trooper Logan S. Elliott.*



# Retirements

## Capt. Randall S. Beydler



It is with tremendous gratitude for the many years of service the Missouri State Highway Patrol announces the retirement of 34-year veteran Captain Randall S. "Randy" Beydler. Capt. Beydler leaves the Patrol a better organization as a result of his many years of dedicated service.

Capt. Beydler was born in El Dorado Springs, MO, and attended El Dorado Springs High School. A graduate of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO, he earned a bachelor's of science degree in business administration. He was appointed to the Patrol in September 1974, and was assigned to Troop A, Platte/Clay counties in February 1975. He transferred to Henry/Benton counties in 1980, and in 1984, was promoted to corporal in Johnson County. In 1989, he was promoted to sergeant in Jackson County, and in February 1993, he transferred to Bates County as sergeant. In December 1993, he was promoted to lieutenant, Troop H, St. Joseph. In 2006, he was promoted to captain of Troop D, a position he held until his retirement.

Captain Beydler has served the Patrol with dignity and distinction for 34 years. He is married to Debbie (Gill), and together they have two grown children, Nicholas and Kristi. Troop D employees wish Capt. Beydler a long and healthy retirement.

## Capt. M. Barry Lindsey



The Law Enforcement Academy announces the retirement of its director, Captain M. Barry Lindsey. Capt. Lindsey began his career with the Patrol on January 1, 1980. As a part of the 51st Recruit Class, he was elected vice commander and graduated at the top of his class.

Capt. Lindsey's first assignment upon graduation was Troop A, Benton County (Warsaw). He transferred to the Governor's Security Division in December 1987, with Governor Ashcroft's administration. He transferred to the Training Division in May 1990, where he was promoted to corporal in October 1990, and then sergeant in October 1992.

In October 1996, he returned to the Governor's Security Division during the Carnahan Administration. He was appointed director of the Governor's Security Division in October 1997. He was promoted to lieutenant in May 1998. He then transferred back to the Training Division in March 2000 as an assistant director. In February 2007, he was promoted to captain and named director of the Training Division. Capt. Lindsey has been involved with 21 recruit classes.

Capt. Lindsey is married to Marilyn (Estes) from Warsaw, Missouri. He is the father of three grown sons, Matt Jr., of Albuquerque, NM; Adam, of Jef-

erson City; and Zach, also of Jefferson City. Capt. Lindsey is a grandfather of three: Willow, Abe, and Soleil Lindsey-Paek, of Albuquerque.

Capt. Lindsey is an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and plans to continue his current hobby of collecting sports memorabilia during his retirement. He also will teach part-time at Missouri Southern State University as an adjunct instructor.

When asked, Capt. Lindsey said the best piece of advice he was given as a member of the Patrol was: "Retire when you can." Captain Bill Darnell told him that. As far as the best piece of advice Capt. Lindsey would give someone, he said, "Enjoy your career, it goes by fast."

Capt. Lindsey enjoyed his career with the Patrol, and said highlights included assignments with the Governor's Security Division that took him to Tokyo, Japan, and several states in the U.S. and Washington, D.C. He said his favorite assignment was being assigned to the Training Division and working with the recruit classes. Capt. Lindsey felt a great sense of accomplishment to see the recruits come in on day one to the Academy and how they evolved into troopers by graduation day.

Capt. Lindsey would like to thank the troops and the divisions for all their support and assistance through the years with his assignments in the Governor Security and Training divisions. Most of all, he would like to thank the employees of the Training Division for their dedication and hard work during the 15 years he was assigned there.

## MSHP

**Have you had your picture taken?**

*Members are reminded to schedule a portrait with Photographer Brenda Schmitz upon being promoted ... long sleeve shirt/felt hat, please.*

# Retirements

## Clerk Typist III Lurinda S. Dickson



The Public Information and Education Division salutes Clerk Typist III Lurinda S. Dickson's over 29 years of dedicated service! Lurinda retired December 1, 2008.

Lurinda came to work at the Missouri State Highway Patrol on August 13, 1979, landing first in the Traffic Division as a video operator trainee. She was promoted to Video Operator I in 1980 and Video Operator II in 1982. She transferred to the Public Information Division in 1984, where she assumed the role of docent for the Safety Education Center. It is from that position that Lurinda retires.

During the 24 years she spent in PIED, she shared the Patrol's message of service and protection with the more than 340,000 SEC visitors. She provided historical anecdotes and information about the agency with patience and humor. Lurinda would greet each group of schoolchildren with a few rules, but did so in a way that made it fun. She told them the, "speed limit in the museum is walk." If she saw a child in the group chewing gum, she would get her trash can out and tell them she collected gum and would like to add theirs to her collection. Her knowledge and warmth resulted in countless letters from children, teachers, and adults who visited the SEC.

In 1999, Lurinda was nominated for the 1999 Governor's Award for Quality and Productivity for her involvement with the creation of the Mobile Safety Education Center. In addition to handling all the tours and visitors to the Safety Education Center, Lurinda was an important part of the team in the Public Information and Education Division. Over the years, she helped with special projects, such as, Patrol yearbooks, media campaigns, updating museum displays, issuing media cards annually (over 34,000 during her career), singing with the Patrol's Blue Notes Choir, and numerous other special assignments.

Division members enjoyed working with Lurinda. She brought her special brand of humor and creativity to the office. Practical jokes and gentle teasing brought us all a lot of laughs over the years! You never knew what you'd find in your office after vacation, or on milestone birthdays, but it was sure to make you laugh!

Thanks, Lurinda, for your 29 years of loyalty and service to the Patrol. Enjoy your retirement with husband, Jim, and sons, Jason and Tyler! We've had a great time over the years ... hope you did, too!

## Pers. Rec. Clerk II Dolores E. Struempfl



The Human Resources Division announces the retirement of Personnel Records Clerk II Dolores E.

Struempfl on December 1, 2008. Dolores retired after six years of dedicated service with the Patrol. During her career with the Patrol, she voluntarily decorated the General Headquarters switchboard and lobby with beautiful decorations for every season. All of us will miss her decorating!

Dolores is married to Francis (Frank), and they have four children: Michelle, Scott, Lisa, and Dustin. They are also very proud grandparents of Sarah, Amber, Trey, and Lauren.

Before joining the Patrol, Dolores was employed with Von Hoffman Press for 18 years as an administrative assistant.

During her retirement she plans to help Frank on the farm and to enjoy her grandchildren.

The Human Resources Division wishes Dolores and Frank a long and healthy retirement!

## *You're Invited*

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony and The MASTERS Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Select, Columbia, MO, with a social hour starting at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet at 6:30 p.m. The awards banquet is open to all employees and their guest/spouse. In the past, the fee has been \$30 per person and we anticipate the same for this year. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Bruemmer at (573) 526-6159 or [carla.bruemmer@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:carla.bruemmer@mshp.dps.mo.gov).

## Retirees Enjoyed Lunch

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Missouri State Highway Patrol retirees luncheon last August at the Lee's Summit United Methodist Church a success! A special thank you to Sgt. George Norwood, Sgt. Robert, Mrs. Dottie Stockdale, and Mrs. Betty Kerrick. I look forward to seeing everyone on August 21, 2009.

— Ret. DE Sprv. II Ruby P. Williams



*Patrol retirees catch up at a lunch last August.*

## Patrol Sergeant Sets Bar High

**By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED**

Congratulations to Sergeant Blaine L. Adams, Troop E! In November 2008, he made his 1,000th career driving while intoxicated arrest! Sgt. Adams is assigned to Zone 5, Cape Girardeau and Bollinger counties. He was appointed to the Patrol July 1, 1987, as a member of the 59th Recruit Class. As of January 5, 2009, Sgt. Adams has made 1005 DWI arrests during his career.

Rounding out the top 10 list for career DWI arrests are: (919) Sgt. Richard C. Fletcher Jr., Troop A; (819) Sgt. Timothy R. Tinnin, Troop F; (794) Capt. Dale A. Schmidt, Troop F; (790) Sgt. Collin M. Stosberg, Troop A; (693) Lt. Gregory K. Smith, Q/FOB; (685) Lt. Kevin A. Geiger, Q/GD; (681) Tpr. Ronald W. Eakins, Troop E; (652) Tpr. John L. Mason, Troop D; and (633) Sgt. Trayton T. Pitts, Troop A.

## Congratulations On Your Retirement!



**Pamela A. Brauner**

Special Assistant, Q/FOB  
Retired September 1, 2008.

*22 years of dedicated service.*



**Sandra K. Lotz**  
Clerk Typist III, Troop C

*8 years of dedicated service.*



**Dema J. Schnauss**

Clerk IV, Q/MED  
Retired January 1, 2009.

*Over 7 years of dedicated service.*



**Michael R. Watson**

Sergeant Q/GD  
Retired January 1, 2009.

*26 years of dedicated service.*



# Retirees Enjoy Great Food & Fellowship

*By Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Long*

December 11, 2008, the Missouri State Highway Patrol retirees had quite a gathering! We met for a noon meal and gab session. We had some folks there for the first time, and many who had participated before, with a total of 102 people. We feasted on ham, turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberry salad, rolls, and drinks. Dessert was provided by retirees. This is the 15th year, and it is growing each year. People have come from as far away as Springfield, Macon, St. Louis, and Willow Springs.

This spring we will gather again at the same location (Central United Church of Christ, Jefferson City) at noon on May 14 for our annual spring gathering of the retirees. We will have barbecued pork steak, slaw, potato salad, baked beans, etc. The barbecue will be handled by John Lewis and Don Schmitz. All Patrol retirees are invited and urged to come join us and enjoy the time together. The cost for this meal will be \$7 per person. Forward your reservations and checks to Larry Long (x-243) at 12479 County Road 4039, Holts Summit, Missouri 65043. Reservations should be in by May 12. No speeches, not a troop meeting ... just a fine meal and gabbing with the old folks!

Over the last 15 years there has been plenty of help when it came time to put this together. At this time let me say a big thanks for all the support and hard work!

# Patrol Employees Support Komen Organization

*By Spec. Asst. Theresa M. Backes, Q/HRD*

Thank you to all employees who participated in the third annual "Passionately Pink For The Cure" event. The Highway Patrol collected a total of \$1,115! These funds will be put to good use. Due to events like "Passionately Pink For The Cure" raising funds for the Susan G. Komen For The Cure, nearly \$1 billion has been invested to assist with the fight against breast cancer throughout the world. There are 2.5 million breast cancer survivors -- the largest group of cancer survivors in the United States. Your support is vital in helping with the goal of eradicating breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening, and treatment. Thanks again for showing your passion and sharing the Komen promise.

## Anniversaries

### February

#### 25 years

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv.  
Ronald J. Deskin, Troop B  
CVO II Joel R. Revelle, Troop F  
Asst. Chief. Oper. Stephen E.  
Stillman, Troop E  
Sgt. Darryl C. Suhr, Troop I  
Cpl. John J. Koch, Q/GD

#### 20 years

Chief Tech. Scott R. Bigham,  
Q/CommD  
Chief DE Pamela J. Leach,  
Troop C  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv.  
Kenneth K. Hale, Troop A

#### 10 years

DE III Ray H. Brown, Troop A  
DE III Tina L. Fletcher, Troop A

CDL Exam. Gerald L. Gregory,  
Troop G

CDL Exam. Angela J. Spurling,  
Troop I

#### 5 years

Criminalist III Abigail J. Graham,  
Q/CLD  
AFIS Entry Oper. II Tamra D.  
Jacobs, Q/CRID

### March

#### 30 years

Exam. Monitor Mary L. Sanders,  
Troop F

#### 20 years

Fiscal & Budg. Analyst III  
Brenda S. Koenigsfeld,  
Q/BPD

DE III Linda L. McBride,  
Troop F

CVO II Timothy M. Helton,  
Troop C

#### 15 years

CVO Sprv. I Scott M. Suling,  
Troop F  
CVO Sprv. I Steve D.  
Wilmesher, Troop C

#### 5 years

Cook III Patricia J. Herigon,  
Q/TND  
Clerk Typist III Lesley M.  
Immekus, Q/MVI  
Stenographer III Melodie A.  
Odle, Troop G  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Daniel  
S. Renick, Troop F  
DE III Melba C. Warren,  
Troop C

# New Employees



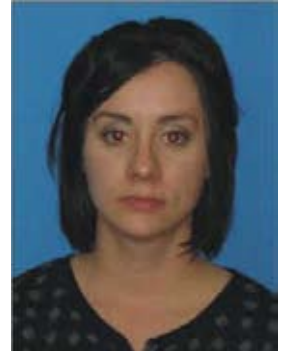
Trisha R. Baker  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop E



Michael M. Ewers  
Prob. Comm. Tech.  
Q/CommD



Sonna L. Basler  
Clerk Typist II  
Troop B



Darla L. Conway  
Housekeeper III  
Troop I



Kyle D. Crothers  
DE I  
Troop F



Lana D. Germann  
Quality Control Clerk II  
Q/CVED



Dale A. Goldsberry  
MVI I  
Troop E



Sharon D. Johnson  
DE I  
Troop C



Sarah N. Lovicott  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/HRD



Melissa D. Murr  
Clerk Typist II  
Troop B



Sherline L. Romph  
Clerk II  
Q/TFD



Christina A. Suthoff  
Personnel Analyst I  
Q/HRD

# New Employees



John W. Twehous  
Housekeeper III  
Troop F



Allison J. Unthank  
Criminalist II  
Q/CLD



Clayton W. Vaughan  
Auto. Tech. III  
Q/MED



Michael K. VerBrugge  
DE I  
Troop F

## Christmas Comes Early At Troop C

*By Sgt. Julie A. Scerine, Troop C*

On Thursday, November 6, 2008, the Missouri State Highway Patrol received an early Christmas present from Milk-Bone and Del Monte Pet Products, in partnership with Schnucks Markets. A donation of \$5,000 was made to Major Ron Replogle, Q/CIB, and Captain Ronald S. Johnson, Troop C, who represented the Patrol, for the purchase of a new police dog. The check presentation was made in celebration of Milk-Bone's 100th anniversary. A St. Louis Schnucks Store hosted the presentation, along with a K-9 demonstration by Corporal Gary Swartz and his partner, Yote. The donation was a contribution from Milk-Bone and Del Monte Pet Products, in an effort to provide

more security in the law enforcement community. The **Milk-Bone Canine Heroes Program** is a nationwide police dog donation program that helps law enforcement agencies add to or maintain canine units at no cost to tax-paying citizens. Since the creation of the program in 1997, over 800 police and service dogs have been sponsored by Milk-Bone to agencies around the country.



*K-9 Yote demonstrates how a K-9 sniff is performed while under the watchful eye of Cpl. Gary Swartz.*

*Milk-Bone and Del Monte Pet Products presented an oversized check to Major Ron Replogle, Q/CIB, and Capt. Ronald S. Johnson to symbolize the company's recent donation to the Patrol's K-9 program.*



# Patrol Marks 16 Years Of Accreditation

By Sgt. William R. Lowry, Q/RDD

During November 2008, the Missouri State Highway Patrol marked its 16th anniversary as an internationally accredited law enforcement agency. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), an independent, non-profit organization based in Fairfax, Virginia, awarded accreditation to the Patrol on November 21, 1992.

Accreditation is a process used by professional law enforcement agencies to facilitate the creation, verification, and maintenance of high quality policies and procedures through voluntary compliance with a collection of internationally recognized and accepted performance standards. There are 460 CALEA standards addressing six major law enforcement topics: role, responsibilities, and relationships with other agencies; organization, management, and administration; personnel administration; law enforcement operations, operational support, and traffic law enforcement; prisoner security and court-related services; and, auxiliary and technical services.

The initial accreditation process was an enormous undertaking that required approximately two years of intense self-assessment and change. It involved a comprehensive review of virtually every aspect of the Patrol coupled with a complete revision of our Operations Manual. It entailed development of numerous plans, procedural manuals for specialized functions, and the creation or formalization of programs such as career development, manpower allocation, student internship, and victim/witness assistance.

Achievement of accreditation in 1992 was a major accomplishment, but did not represent completion of the accreditation project by the Patrol. Agencies in the accreditation process conduct continual, intensive, and candid self-evaluations of their policies and procedures to maintain compliance with all applicable mandatory standards, and at least 80 percent of applicable optional standards. Every three years, member agencies must

also undergo an on-site assessment of their policies, procedures, personnel, facilities, and equipment by a CALEA assessment team. Our next on-site assessment will occur during the summer 2009.

The comprehensive on-site assessment by a team of specially trained law enforcement professionals is the keystone of accreditation and provides law enforcement agencies with objective evidence of their commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management, and service-delivery. Successful completion of each on-site serves as independent verification that the agency is serious in its desire to provide professional law enforcement service to



the public. It also helps to ensure that the agency complies with standards requiring the agency be accountable to and fair in the treatment of each employee.

Accredited law enforcement agencies are able to better defend themselves against lawsuits by presenting independent verification of adherence to internationally accepted standards. Mere presentation of such documentation has resulted in abandonment of legal action against some agencies. This brings to light one of the dilemmas faced by accredited agencies that are challenged to prove the value of accreditation. It is virtually impossible to document and quantify problems that never occur. Prevention of problems is

a direct result of abiding by good policies, plans, and procedures implemented during CALEA compliance.

An increasing number of American law enforcement agencies have turned to accreditation to help ensure their continued effectiveness in this progressively more complex society where the expectations of the public and funding bodies have increased and public agency operations are subject to scrutiny by the courts, media, and the public.

In 1992, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was the 10th state agency and one of four Missouri agencies to achieve accreditation. Today, 32 state agencies (state patrol, state police, state investigative, or state departments of public safety) and 23 Missouri agencies, including the Missouri State Water Patrol, Springfield Police Department, St. Louis County Police Department, and St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, are accredited by CALEA. Two Missouri agencies have achieved CALEA recognition (an award requiring compliance with 110 CALEA standards addressing high-liability functions) and eight additional Missouri agencies, including the Missouri Capitol Police, are in self-assessment seeking CALEA accreditation or recognition. A total of 806 law enforcement agencies are accredited or recognized by CALEA in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Barbados. In fact, 25 percent of the full-time law enforcement officers in the United States are employed by agencies that have achieved or are actively seeking CALEA accreditation or recognition.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has enjoyed an excellent reputation since 1931, and views accreditation as one method to prove that reputation is deserved. The Patrol can face future challenges with the confidence inspired by dedicated personnel who will continue to strive for excellence supported by a sound and proven organizational structure shaped by internationally accepted standards.

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## 40 years ago

*February 1969* – The centerfold story covered Governor Warren E. Hearnes' inauguration the month before. The issue included a picture of the first female inspector-mechanic, who was from Bethany, MO.

## 30 years ago

*January 1979* – It was reported the 48th Recruit Class competed against a team of GHQ personnel in basketball. The recruits won 141 to 124. Senate Bill 60 put a new Missouri State Charge Code System into effect.

## 20 years ago

*February 1989* – This issue included pictures from a news conference announcing the new Missouri emergency highway assistance telephone number ~ 1-800-525-5555. A natural gas explosion leveled a downtown Jefferson City building and destroyed two adjacent buildings. The back cover photo was a 20th anniversary picture of employees assigned to the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division to commemorate when Missouri's MVI program began.

## 10 years ago

*January 1999* – An article told of the first National Homicide Seminar hosted by the Patrol. It drew 159 attendees and rave reviews! Operation T.O.Y.S. helped more than 50 young people from Jefferson City celebrate Christmas!

## 5 years ago

*February 2004* – Stories told of the 81st Recruit Class graduating and the 82nd Recruit Class arriving! CALEA accredited the Patrol for the fourth time. K-9 Eiko retired.

# PATROL HISTORY TRIVIA

On October 31, 1956, the Missouri State Highway Patrol hired a young man named C. Lloyd Meyer to work as a driver examiner. On May 25, 1958, he began training at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Rolla, MO, as a member of its 17th Recruit Class. Trooper C. Lloyd Meyer was assigned badge number 369, a number that would become very important to him and his family. Tpr. Meyer worked his way up through the ranks to captain. His badge number changed to 37 when he became a lieutenant in August 1984.

Shortly thereafter, Thomas L. "Tom" Meyer, Capt. C. Lloyd Meyer's son, would request badge 369. The number wasn't assigned elsewhere, and his request was granted with the assignment being effective in November 1984. Tpr. Tom Meyer joined the Patrol on July 8, 1979, as a member of the Patrol's 50th Recruit Class, in the Patrol Academy in Jefferson City. (His original badge number was 845.)

Tpr. Tom Meyer is now a lieutenant assigned to the Research and Development Division. His promotion in 1998 led to a badge number change and he now uses 70. But, the story doesn't end there. Badge number 369 is still in the family. Capt. C. Lloyd Meyer's son, Scott E. Meyer, was appointed to the Patrol on July 1, 1990, as a member of the 63rd Recruit Class. (His original badge number was 915.) In September 1998, after his brother's promotion to lieutenant, Sgt. Scott Meyer was granted his request for badge 369.

Thus, this badge number has been in the same family for 50 years!

*Editor's note: Capt. C. Lloyd Meyer, badge 27, retired in 1992, as the commanding officer of Troop B, Macon. He died in 2002.*

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

Year to Date January 28, 2009	Same Period Last Year Year to Date	Number of Increase or Decrease	2007 Traffic Fatalities	2008 Traffic Fatalities
70	68	+2	992	958

**Note:** These totals do not include late deaths.



# 16 Attend Community Alliance Program

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On the evening of November 10, 2008, 16 Troop B citizens ended their participation of the 2008 Troop B Community Alliance Program at the Macon Comfort Inn in Macon, MO. During the awards presentation, participants received plaques recognizing them for their dedication to the 10-week program, highlights of the program were discussed, and refreshments were enjoyed by all in attendance.

This year's program began on September 8, 2008, and participants met on consecutive Monday evenings. During the program, the "students" were exposed to many facets of the Patrol including recruit training, Patrol history, traffic enforcement, polygraph testing, drug enforcement, firearms night, and an evening ride-along with Troop B officers. Twenty-four Troop B officers and employees served as guest instructors during the sessions. Although some might think 10 weeks is a long time, most of the participants would be eager to tell you they wished it could have lasted longer. Many indi-



*Participants of the 2008 Troop B Community Alliance Program were: Keith Beauchamp, Macon; Robert Bickhaus, Macon; Jason A. Cook, Bethel, MO; Emily Finnegan, Kirksville, MO; Jane Fountain, Atlanta, MO; Cecelia Gilbert, Shelbyna, MO; Debra Keithley, Macon; Lon Luckart, Brookfield, MO; Maurita Miller, Macon; Jane Ann Oliver, Macon; Toni Riekeberg, Macon; Joseph Schwartz, Shelbyna; Ethan Smith, Kirksville; Shanna Steitz, Macon; Jimmie Stevenson, Macon; and Larry Wells, Macon. Also in the picture were Captain John W. Elliott (left) and Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt (right).*

cated that although the courses of instruction were very interesting, they really enjoyed the personal interaction with the troopers and employees.

This was the fifth community alli-

ance program conducted in Troop B since 2001. Without a doubt, through these programs, the Patrol has made many new friends and ambassadors.

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## SEVIER LOOKS BEYOND A STOP

*By Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C*

The month of October leading up to Halloween can provide for some spooky sights on the highways – especially for troopers on patrol. When Corporal W. Brad Sevier came across a suspect with a mask, it did not revolve around Fright Night, but his actions may have prevented a more frightening incident on the highway.

On the evening of October 9, 2008, Cpl. Sevier stopped the driver of a van traveling 13 miles over the speed limit on Interstate 55 in Ste. Genevieve County. The driver of the van was 38-year-old Robert Watson of Alton, Illinois. He told Cpl. Sevier he was heading home from Charleston, MO, and had lost his way.

Cpl. Sevier confirmed with Troop C Radio that Watson's Illinois driver's

license had been suspended. Next, Cpl. Sevier obtained permission to perform a series of field sobriety tests. The results confirmed his suspicion: Watson was intoxicated. Therefore, he placed the Alton man under arrest.

That's when the excitement began. As Cpl. Sevier searched Watson, he came across an object in his waistband. That object turned out to be a loaded handgun, with what appeared to be dried blood on it. Watson claimed there were people after him, so Cpl. Sevier made sure he was secured inside the patrol car before he returned to his search. That's when he made another startling discovery: A large shoebox on the front passenger side floorboard revealed some black clothing, a black rose, some latex gloves, and a white mask!

Further investigation with assistance of Sergeant Mark Dochterman, Q/DDCC, revealed the Sikeston Department of Public Safety and Morley Police Department were looking for a suspect fitting Watson's description in several armed robberies and assaults. The case has since been turned over to the Ste. Genevieve County prosecutor and also the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

There's been no word on whether Watson ever used a disguise in a crime. But, by staying alert on the highways, Cpl. Sevier made sure the man with the mask wouldn't terrify any unwitting victims anytime soon.

*Keep up the good work, Cpl. Sevier!*

# Deaths

## John I. Grant



Mr. John I. Grant, 85, of Jefferson City, MO, died Sunday, November 23, 2008, at his home. John was born August 20, 1923, in Fairgrove, MO, the son of John I. Grant and Manilla F. Baker Grant, both deceased. He was married on May 25, 1944, in Jefferson City, MO, to Anna Lee Gibbany, who survives at the home.

A resident of the Jefferson City area for the past 67 years, John graduated from Willard High School, in Willard, MO. He was employed with the Tweedie Footwear Factory from 1942 until 1946. From 1947 until 1965, he was employed and owned several service stations in Jefferson City. From 1966 until his retirement in 1987, he was employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol installing patrol car equipment. After retirement, he drove cars for Mike Kehoe Ford.

He was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church; a member and past master of Jefferson Lodge No. 43, A.F. & A.M.; a past member of the Jefferson City Council No. 34, Royal Arch Masons; a past member of the Ezra Council No. 32, Royal and Select Masons; a past member of the Prince of Peace Commandery, No 29, Knights Templar; and a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Jefferson Chapter No. 496. John was a Sunday School teacher, RA leader, and Sunday School superintendent.

Other survivors include: one son, Tom Grant and his wife, Louise, of Jefferson City; one daughter, Ruth Ann

Neely, and her husband, Leon, of Jefferson City; five grandchildren, Kevin Mantle and his wife, Donna, Kara Coleman and her husband, Colby, Tanya Grabbe and her husband, Jon, Travis Grant and his wife, Briehan, and Tracy Klug and her husband, Kevin; eight great-grandchildren, Ryan Mantle, Andrew Fischer, Rebekah Fischer, Matthew Fischer, Timothy Fischer, Noah Coleman, Luke Coleman, and Lilia Klug.

John was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Immanuel Baptist Church.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Grant family.*

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## Paul A. Moore



Mr. Paul Albert Moore, 77, of Poplar Bluff died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Moore was born March 12, 1931, in Kennett, MO. Mr. Moore was a retired state trooper with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He was appointed on October 4, 1953, as a member of the 14th Recruit Class. His training took place at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO. He provided dedicated service and protection to the citizens of Missouri over the next 34 years.

Trooper Moore was assigned to Hayti, MO, until a transfer took him to Troop E, Poplar Bluff, MO, in the late 1950s. Later, he was designated assistant zone commander. He was promoted to sergeant while on desk duty at Troop E. Sergeant Moore retired on March 1, 1988. Two of his children followed his footsteps and have careers with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Lieutenant Sean B. Moore and Driver Examiner III Teri L. Dicks are both assigned to Troop C, Weldon Spring.

In addition to being a trooper, Mr. Moore was a retired lieutenant colonel for the Missouri National Guard. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed farming, fishing, boating, and riding his four-wheeler. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hayti, MO.

On April 29, 1989, he married Dolores Sides, in Caruthersville. She survives. Other survivors include four children and two stepchildren: Andrew Moore and his wife, Sherry, of Poplar Bluff, Derland Moore and his wife, Frannie, of Covington, LA, DE III Teri Dicks and her husband, Keith, and Lt. Sean Moore and his wife, Carla, all of St. Louis, and Gary Swan and Cary Swan, both of Hayti; 13 grandchildren: Kimberly Waite and her husband, Micah, Derland Paul Moore Jr. and his wife, Courtney, Michelle Wells and her husband, Sean, Brad Moore, Hollie Rogers and her husband, Andy, Ryan Fowler, Neely Moore, Caleigh Moore, Aaron Moore, Katelyn Moore, Chance Moore, Janea Swan, and Chaddwick Swan; four great-grandchildren: Baylor Wells, Alexander Waite, Reece Rogers, and Madisyn Swan; two sisters, Carolyn Murphy, of Bernie, and Denna Feters, of Farmington; and three brothers, Wayne Moore, of North Vernon, IN, Kenny Moore, of Columbiaville, MI, and Walden Moore, of Hillsboro, MO.

Paul A. and N. Charlene (Forrest) were married in 1950. She preceded him in death in 2005. In addition, his

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# Deaths

## — Moore

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parents, Albert and Thelma (Haggard) Moore; a sister, Alvena Vaughn; and three brothers, Mitchell Moore, Dickie Moore, and Jimmy Dale Moore, also preceded him in death.

Cotrell Funeral Chapel in Poplar Bluff handled the arrangements. Dr. William Vail officiated the funeral. Burial with full military honors took place at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery, in Bloomfield, MO. Memorials may be made to the Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society, 5287 Hwy 67 North, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901.

*The Patrol family offers its sincerest condolences to the Moore family.*

*(Thank you to the Cotrell Funeral Service for providing most of this article.)*

## Arthur E. "Art" Dobbs Jr.



Arthur Emerson Dobbs Jr., 82, of Excelsior Springs, MO, died Sunday, December 7, 2008, at Excelsior Springs Medical Center. He was born Aug. 22, 1926, in Kansas City, the son of Arthur E. Dobbs Sr. and Elizabeth (Gallagher) Dobbs. He was married to Shanah Zimmerman on Oct. 17, 1950.

Art was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a driver ex-

aminer. He began his career in 1960, in the Kansas City office, then joined the Liberty traveling crew in 1968. He gave driver examinations in the northern part of Troop A until his promotion to supervisor of the Kansas City North Station in 1970. Art retired on April 1, 1987, after 26 years of dedicated service.

In a *Patrol News* article in 1987, Art was described as "an avid bird hunter and sportsman". He spent much of his free time outdoors.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jim Dobbs. Survivors include: his wife, Shanah Dobbs, of the home; sister, Betsy Young, Kansas City; one niece; and four nephews.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to St. Ann Catholic Church in Excelsior Springs.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Dobbs family.*

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## Kenneth E. "Ken" Percival



Kenneth E. "Ken" Percival, 64, of Lebanon, MO, died Sunday, December 14, 2008, at his home. He was born January 18, 1944, to Edgar J. and Lera R. Jones Percival, who preceded him in death. On August 10, 1962, he mar-

ried Netti Lynn Rambo; she survives at the home.

Ken Percival served and protected the citizens of Missouri for 31 1/2 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He began his career on November 13, 1967, as a driver examiner assigned to Troop A. On January 1, 1975, Ken was appointed as a member of the 44th Recruit Class and attended the Patrol's Academy in Jefferson City. His first assignment as a trooper was Troop I, Zone 5, Laclede County.

Ken was promoted to corporal in 1990, and sergeant in 1992. He became a lieutenant in 1994, and transferred to Troop F, Jefferson City. Ken transferred back to Troop I in 1996, and remained there until his retirement.

A native of Camden County, Ken grew up in Camdenton, MO, where he graduated from Camdenton High School in 1962. Prior to joining the Patrol, he worked as a mechanic in Osage Beach, MO.

In addition to his wife, Ken is survived by a son, Michael E. Percival and his wife, Kimberly, of Hartsville; a daughter, Susan L. Wood, and her husband, Victor, of Lebanon; five grandchildren, Brittany M. Percival, Jacob M. Percival, Amber N. Percival, Cassandra R. Wood, and Victoria A. Wood; a brother, Johnny Percival and his wife, Jo, of Blue Springs; a sister, Cleo Holder and her husband, Lester, of Camdenton; and several nieces and nephews. Ken was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Lebanon, MO, and services were held there on Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

Those interested may send memorial contributions to Hillcrest Baptist Church or Percival Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

*The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Percival family.*

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# ~ Thank You ~

My family and I would like to extend our appreciation for all the cards, flowers, prayers and expressions of kindness following the death of my father. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

*MVI Supervisor Scott R. Pitts, DE Supervisor Debra D. Pitts, and family*

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I would like to thank those who sent sympathy cards and attended the funeral service of my dad. They were greatly appreciated by my family and I.

*Retired Cpl. Terry Orr*

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Thank you to everyone in the Patrol family for your expressions of sympathy and caring after the loss of my mom and dad. Your thoughtfulness was very comforting and made quite an impression on my family. My mom

and dad thought highly of the Patrol, and I know they would have been humbled by your response. Our family will always remember your kindness.

*Thanks.*

*Capt. Duane Robinson, Troop H*

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My family and I want to thank everyone for their friendship, caring, concern, and generosity after our tragic house fire. My family and I are truly blessed to be part of the Patrol family. We will never be able to thank everyone enough. Our agency is truly a family that pulls together and helps each other in times of need. I pray each of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's. Please enjoy every day, because, as we have found out, everything can be taken from you in a moment of time. We truly do not know what tomorrow brings each of us. Family is the most important possession each of us has. Do everything

you can to preserve that ... and that includes the "Patrol family".

*Sincerely,*

*Captain Lester D. Elder (Q/GD), Juv. & Miss. Persons Liaison Heather J. Elder (Q/DDCC), Levi Elder, and Tanner Elder*

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Words alone cannot express my appreciation for the many flowers, cards, and letters our family received from our friends in the Patrol following the recent death of my father, retired Sergeant Paul A. Moore. Several of you called offering condolences, and others traveled across the state to attend the funeral and show support to our family during our time of grief. My sister, Driver Examiner III Teri L. Dicks, and I, along with the rest of our family, would like to express our deep gratitude to each of you. We are truly fortunate to be a part of a great organization with people who care. Thank you for comforting us during this difficult time.

*Lt. Sean B. Moore, Troop C*

## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

Capt. Duane L. Robinson (H) - father  
Ret. Sgt. Larry D. Wolters - brother  
Sgt. Terry G. Mills (Q/DDCC) - mother-in-law  
Tpr. Andrew B. Ward (D) - aunt  
Maint. Sprv. Ronald J. Lueckenhoff (Q/TND) - father  
Tpr. Jennifer L. Vernon (Q/GD) - grandfather  
Insurance Clerk Evelyn M. Borgmeyer (Q/BPD) - mother  
Ret. Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Shirley R. Talken - mother  
Crim. Intel. Analyst I Nicholas J. Borgmeyer (Q/DDCC) - grandmother  
Quality Control Clerk II Deidra N. Borgmeyer (Q/TFD) - grandmother-in-law

Lt. Brian N. Anderson (A) - grandmother-in-law  
DE II Dennis W. Richardson (F) - father  
Ret. Crim. Hist. Tech. II Brenda S. Engelbrecht - father  
Latent Tech. I Becky A. Trabue (Q/CRID) - grandmother  
Ret. CTE John C. Trabue - mother-in-law  
Criminalist I Stephanie A. Horine (Q/CLD) - stepdaughter  
Cpl. Danial E. Dicus (I) - father  
Sgt. Kevin B. Miller (C) - father  
DE II Christopher A. Couch (F) - grandmother  
Tpr. Bryan S. Silverthorn (I) - grandfather  
DE Supv. Melvin D. Rupard (F) - father  
Crime Laboratory QA Coord. Thomas L. Grant (Q/CLD) - father

Tpr. Troy D. Stegeman (F) - grandmother-in-law  
Bldg. & Grnds. Main. II Kevin A. Klug (Q/CRID) - grandfather-in-law  
CVO II Randy J. Tillman (E) - daughter  
Lt. Thomas L. Meyer (Q/RDD) - mother-in-law  
Tpr. Curtis W. Hubbs (G) - stepfather  
Sgt. Derek S. Green (A) - father-in-law  
Sgt. Jody T. Laramore (E) - grandfather  
Tpr. Justin E. Henderson (D) - father-in-law  
Lt. Sean B. Moore (C) - father  
DE III Teri L. Dicks (C) - father  
CVO II Brian C. Sanders (A) - niece  
Tpr. Paul M. Behrens (B) - grandmother

# PLAYING CARDS MAY SOLVE CRIMES

By Sgt. Jason P. Clark, Q/DDCC

The Missouri State Highway Patrol launched a "playing card initiative" on February 1, 2009. This initiative targets inmates that are currently incarcerated in county jails and the Missouri Department of Corrections facilities. These customized playing cards will be distributed featuring unsolved homicides, missing persons, wanted fugitive photos, and case profiles with the hope they generate new tips related to the cases indicated on each card.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol has partnered with the Taney County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Bass Pro Shops, and One Missing Link Inc., to provide these cards to inmates who may have crucial information that will assist law enforcement with many cold cases throughout the state. The Missing Persons Unit and Violent Crime Support Unit, within the Division of Drug and Crime Control, developed these cards, which feature cold cases from more than 30 law enforcement agencies and communities from around the state of Missouri.

Initially, 5,000 decks will be distributed to key areas of the state. It is our hope this project will develop new leads and intelligence regarding these crimes, which have affected families, communities, and law enforcement agencies throughout Missouri for many years.



Other agencies from around the country have distributed customized playing cards with effective results. We encourage any agency that would like to have a case featured on possible future decks, or would like to become involved with this endeavor, to contact the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Violent Crime Support Unit.

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